

Dick Sheidler Service Award 2014-2018
Mark Freier Service Award 2019 - current

The MVPC desires to recognize service given to promote the membership development in the photographic arts, as demonstrated by the MVPC mission statement.

Dick Sheidler Service Award: Put in place by board vote in 2014, the MVPC may present this award annually to recognize those members of the club who have contributed substantial service to the operation of the MVPC and/or to the promotion of the photographic arts in the local community. Dick Sheidler was a founding member of the club who demonstrated great commitment to the operation of the club and service to club members, in addition to his personal pursuit of excellence, in the photographic arts.

Mark Freier Service Award: Mark Freier, a longstanding member of MVPC, passed away on December 3, 2018. Mark was the driving force for soliciting members and volunteers for MVPC as well as other art organizations. He served in eleven different roles starting in 1991 and every year up through 2018. At the January board meeting by unanimous vote, the Service Award is renamed to the Mark Freier Service Award effective for the 2018 – 2019 club year.

Any current club member in good standing may be nominated by any other club member in good standing for the Mark Freier Service award. The nomination will be made in writing to the MVPC President in the form of a letter of nomination. Club members who are eligible for the recognition are MVPC members in good standing at the time of nomination and who demonstrate the following attributes:

- 1) He or she has had continuous paid membership in the MVPC for at least 36 consecutive months.
- 2) The Service Award is a lifetime award. Previous Service Award recipients are not eligible to receive the award again.
- 3) The nominee must have actively served on an MVPC committee or the board of directors at some point in the preceding 5 years.

The letter of nomination should explain why the nominee is worthy of the recognition. Examples of justification for nomination may include, but are not limited to, consistent contribution to the club for 3 or more years in areas of club service, such as presentation at club meetings, presentation at focus nights, participation in MVPC board meetings, participation on a MVPC working committee, contributions to the Council, N4C or PSA, recruit at least one new paying member in the previous 12 months, contribution to MVPC displays, or contribute photographic work regularly to the City of Eagan.

Nominations must be received by the President no later than 45 days prior to the MVPC annual banquet.

The President and a committee appointed by the president will review all nominations. Multiple recipients may receive this recognition in a single club year for presentation at the annual banquet. The selected nominee is an individual who exemplifies the mission of the MVPC and consistently contributes to the health of the club and the photographic arts. This Committee may choose not to select any members for recognition, if in their opinion; a suitable nomination is not submitted.